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Attorney Docket No.

F-309

First Inventor

Errico;

Title

Artificial Intervertebral Disc Trials Having a Cylindrical Engagement Surface

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages (preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets

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(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)

i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☒ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☒ Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
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15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
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107 490	207 245	Plant filing fee	
108 710	208 355	Reissue filing fee	
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20	-20** =	X	0.00
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103 18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20
102 80	202 40	Independent claims in excess of 3
104 270	204 135	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 80	209 40	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110 18	210 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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105 130	205 65		Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127 50	227 25		Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139 130	139 130		Non-English specification	
147 2,520	147 2,520		For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112 920*	112 920*		Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113 1,840*	113 1,840*		Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115 110	215 55		Extension for reply within first month	
116 390	216 195		Extension for reply within second month	
117 890	217 445		Extension for reply within third month	
118 1,390	218 695		Extension for reply within fourth month	
128 1,890	228 945		Extension for reply within fifth month	
119 310	219 155		Notice of Appeal	
120 310	220 155		Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121 270	221 135		Request for oral hearing	
138 1,510	138 1,510		Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140 110	240 55		Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141 1,240	241 620		Petition to revive - unintentional	
142 1,240	242 620		Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143 440	243 220		Design issue fee	
144 600	244 300		Plant issue fee	
122 130	122 130		Petitions to the Commissioner	
123 50	123 50		Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126 180	126 180		Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581 40	581 40		Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146 710	246 355		Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149 710	249 355		For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179 710	279 355		Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169 900	169 900		Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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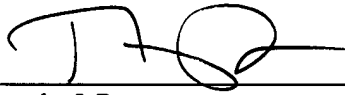
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- ☒ Specification and Claims (55 pages) including 4 pages of claims)
- ☒ Informal Drawings (18 sheets)
- ☒ Oath(s) or Declaration(s) (3 pages)
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